

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus comprising:

an image capture unit that captures an image and outputs image data;

a microphone unit that outputs sound data;

an internal recording unit that (a) starts recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to a record start instruction, and (b) stops recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to a record stop instruction;

a communication unit capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data;

a control unit that (a) determines whether the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, and (b) determines whether said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium,

wherein if said control unit determines that the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, said control unit starts outputting the image and sound data from said communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record start instruction, and

wherein if said control unit determines that said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium when said communication unit is outputting the image and sound data, said control unit stops outputting the image and sound data from said communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record stop instruction without sending to the external storage device a command for stopping recording the image and sound data.

2. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein even if said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium, said control unit does not discontinue output of the image and sound data from said communication unit.

3. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE 1394-1995 standards.

4. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus comprising (a) an image capture unit that captures an image and outputs image data, (b) a microphone unit that outputs sound data, (c) an internal recording unit that (i)

starts recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to a record start instruction, and (ii) stops recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to a record stop instruction, and (d) a communication unit capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data, said method comprising the steps of:

a first determining step of determining whether the external storage device is connected to the communication unit;

a first second determining step of determining whether the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium;

if it is determined in said first determining step that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit, starting outputting the image and sound data from the communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record start instruction; and

if it is determined in said second determining step that the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium when the communication unit is outputting the image and sound data, stopping outputting the image and sound data from the communication unit to the external storage device in response to the record stop instruction without sending to the external storage device a command for stopping recording the image and sound data.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of:

even if the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium, not discontinuing output of the image and sound data from the communication unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE 1394-1995 standards.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

9 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.